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SUBJECT: FUTURE ISRAELI-JORDANIAN ACCOMMODATION: ISRAELI
ATTITUDES

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1. RABIN, UNDER MUCH CRITICISM FOR HIS APRIL 23 REMARK
SUGGESTING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK COULD BE PLACED
UNDER JORDANIAN SOVEREIGNTY FOLLOWING JORDAN-ISRAEL PEACE
AGREEMENT (REFTEL), HAS REVERSED HIMSELF ON THIS SUBJECT.
ACCORDING TO PRESS, RABIN SAID MAY 10 HE COULD NOT CONCEIVE
OF THOSE ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK WHICH HAVE BEEN
MADE INTO CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS HAVING ANY STATUS FOLLOWING
PEACE AGREEMENT OTHER THAN THAT OF BECOMING "AN INTEGRAL
PART OF ISRAEL."

2. RABIN AT SAME TIME SPELLED OUT HIS VIEW ON AUTHORITY OF
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NEW GOI TO NEGOTIATE WITH JORDAN. PRESS SAYS RABIN STATED

THAT GOI WOULD BE FREE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AND MAKE DECISION AT ANY STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT IT COULD NOT SIGN AGREEMENT "CALLING FOR CONCESSIONS REGARDING ANY PORTION OF JUDEA OR SAMARIA" WITHOUT UNDERGOING NEW ELECTION, IF ONE OF GOI COALITION PARTNERS DEMANDED THIS.

3. MEANWHILE ISRAELI MEDIA HAVE BEEN REACTING NEGATIVELY TO REPORTED INTERVIEW OF JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER RIFAI WITH LEBANESE PRESS MAY 12. DAVAR CHARACTERIZED RIAFI CALL FOR IDF WITHDRAWAL FROM JORDAN VALLEY AS CONDITON FOR NEGOTIATIONS "ALMOST AN ULTIMATUM." ARTICLE ALSO CONVEYS SOME CONCERN OVER REPORTED RIFAI ALLEGATION THAT SECRETARY HAD ALREADY AGREED WITH GOJ THAT JORDAN-ISRAEL DISENGAGEMENT SHOULD BE IMMEDIATE NEXT STEP AFTER SYRIA-ISRAEL DISENGAGMENT, AS WELL AS OVER REPORTED RIFAI ASSERTION THAT UNLIKE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN CASE, BORDER ISSUE COULD NOT BE LEFT TO LAST IN JORDAN-ISRAEL NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE ISRAEL WANTED TO ANNEX TERRITORY MAINLY IN JORDAN RIVER VALLEY RATHER THAN CONTIGUOUS TO 1967 BORDER, MAKING INITIAL STAGE OF JORDAN-ISRAEL NEGOTIATIONS THE CRITICAL ONE. MAARIV COMMENTED THAT RIFAI REMARKS REFLECTED ESCALATION OF JORDANIAN DEMANDS STIMULATED BY EXAMPLE OF ISRAELI WILLINGNESS TO CONCEDE TERRITORY TO EGYPT AND SYRIA UNDER DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS.

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